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1. Horia Sima, head of the Rumanian Iron Guard, is in disfavor with members of the Iron Guard. [redacted] it is allegedly not a question of his secession but rather Sima's renunciation by almost the entire Guardist group.

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2. The determining motive for this "revolution" appears to be a moral one, Sima's private life, which renders impossible his presence at the head of the Legionnaire Movement.

3. Sima, realizing his position abroad is definitely compromised, plans to end his adventurous career gloriously by parachuting into Rumania. This claim appears to have been confirmed by a circular dated 26 October 1953. Sima's circular was published also in Vatra in January 1954. The test follows:

"After what has just happened (the Bucharest trials), I am obliged to modify the Legionnaire Movement abroad in the following manner:

a. "We shall create an action group which will be called 'Group 13' formed from those who have decided to participate in the struggle inside the country. No one is excluded from this group and no one will receive orders to join it. Membership is voluntary, risks: 90 percent.

b. "The other Legionnaires abroad will support the offensive group's activities, complementing its efficacy in other fields. Since the majority of my time and activity will be absorbed in directing the above mentioned activity, these Legionnaires will enjoy a large autonomy of action working individually or in a group. It is essential that

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the real objective of the movement not be lost from view: to fight for the liberation of the people from under the Communist yoke. Contacts with me will become more rare, and the Interior Bulletin will cease to appear.

c. "For a certain period of time a series of external activity will be renounced. I recommend that all use discretion inasmuch as we are exposed to the Communist searchlights. During this period of calm the Legionnaires must be very alert to the possibilities of Communist and political infiltration within their midst. You must realize that behind whoever wishes to shatter the block of our solidarity, an enemy hand is found. Do not forget that the greatest mistake a Legionnaire can commit, an irreparable mistake, a supreme mistake, is that of destroying the milieu which favors his existence. The Legionnaires who have overcome so many persecutions, lacking leaders and directors, letting themselves be guided by a sense of reality, will know how to orient themselves according to actual circumstances, for henceforth they will encounter nothing more than their own responsibility. I wish everyone a peaceful and productive work in the heavy tasks confronting us and that on the day of liberation will embrace with a quiet conscience our comrades in the country."

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